

I applaud the FCC for examining this issue. I feel that broadcasters have in some cases have forgotten that the primary purpose of the broadcast license is to serve the public need and interest. I believe that in most cases, broadcasters do a good job of meeting their communities needs. However, in the case of nationally placed satalators, this is not the case. I can understand the placement of such services in remote areas where the establishment of a full service facility is not feasible. But we have seen an explosive epidemic of these services entering areas where the local needs are never a consideration.

A satalator service based thousands of miles away will not deliver local news, public affairs, unique programming, emergency preparedness, or even participate in local activities. The way that some broadcasters have manipulated the translator makes it much more difficult for a truly local broadcaster to obtain and use precious spectrum space.

The original concepts for translators and satalators was to "fill-in" areas of weak coverage for local broadcasters. This met the needs of the local community unlike many of these services today.

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